

City of Beaverton

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Minutes – January 5, 2010

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Ernie Conway.

Present:

Chair Ernie Conway, Vice Chair Bjoern Brunner, Dave Brown, Mary Elizabeth Smith, Barbara Chapnick, Mike Mulligan, Dana Barnes, Richard Walker, Will Cortez, Michael Brown, Officer James Patrick, City Staff Liaison Margaret Middleton, Senior Transportation Planner, City Councilor Betty Bode.

Absent:

Visitors:

Jim Parsons, Dave English, Brian Walker.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of December 2009 were approved as written. Walker abstained as he was not part of the committee at that time. Brunner/Brown (8/0).

Staff Communications

Police: Officer Patrick reviewed his role as liaison to the committee. He told members what issues he covers and what resources he provides.

City Council: Councilor Bode said that she was pleased about last night's BAC presentation at Council. Councilor Bode said she hoped to be reappointed as Council liaison to the Committee for 2010. The Councilors and Mayor praised the committee for its work and asked questions about Bike Beaverton 2010. She also noted that the date and contact information is in the City calendar. She wondered if members might recruit some youth to come to meetings to get their perspective on biking.

Transportation: Staff liaison Margaret Middleton reported that the Planning Commission will have another work session and public hearing on February 10 on the draft TSP. She reported on the two issues members had asked about: Barrows Road roundabout signage and Lombard at Farmington. Bjoern asked if sharrows might be used there. Members asked that the Barrows sign be removed. Staff said that signage is necessary but she will check. She also said that Jabra Khasho is working on the Lombard issue. She will talk with him about both items and report back.

Visitors: Jim Parsons invited attendees to join in the January 27 Bike Portland event in Tigard.

New Business

Elections

Bjoern Brunner was elected Chair. Mary Elizabeth Smith was elected Vice Chair.

Highway 217 Short-term Solutions Study

Staff reviewed the scope of the study that is being conducted in order to find a doable short-term improvement that is fundable. She reviewed the full Metro/ODOT study outcomes and stated that the priority project from that study had increased in price from \$80 million to approximately \$230,000 million, making it impossible to completely fund at this time. Staff reviewed the various categories that the recent study looked into. These included system management, incident management, and safety improvements, as well as ramp closures and surrounding intersection improvements. The policy makers met late last year to choose some fundable management type projects to look at further.

Old Business

Bike Beaverton 2010

Staff handed out the spreadsheet that included subcommittee leaders, volunteer sign ups, tasks, and deadlines. A few edits were made and everyone committed to one to two volunteer positions. Staff will make the edits and resend the spreadsheet out to the committee so they can begin their work immediately. At the February meeting and each meeting thereafter, a minimum of ½ hour will be set aside at the end for the groups to meet and continue planning for the event.

Committee Communications

Member Communications: Mike Mulligan volunteered again to draft the next Your City article. Will noted that the NW Trails Alliance Swap Meet is scheduled for February 28.

THPRD Trails Committee Update: Dave Brown reported that the committee talked about the remaining issues on the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail segment in Beaverton. The 688-foot restriction on one of the parcels is being recommended to be removed. A public hearing about the trail is being scheduled.

The Westside Trail work is progressing. THPRD staff are in talks with TriMet staff about access to the trail.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 2**, at 6:30 p.m. in the **Council Chamber** of City Hall.